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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's October unemployment rate of 4.5 percent, down from 4.8 percent, was released on November 14. County unemployment rates released today showed that 69 county rates were down, 25 county rates increased, and one remained the same over the month.

Moore County at 2.0 percent, down from 2.7, registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate. Scott County at 10.9 percent, up from 9.2 percent, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.5 percent in October, up from 2.4 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County registered 3.0 percent, down from 3.5 percent. Davidson County reported a 3.6 percent rate, down from 3.9 percent, while Shelby County reported a 4.7 percent rate, down from 5.1 percent over the month.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter "<a href="http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures." http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures." http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures."

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